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Early in April 1955, the East German Ministry of Machine Construction sent Max Bauer, an official of the Ministry's Auditing Department to visit the VEB Apparatebau Schkeuditz. Bauer was given the plant's production report for 1954, but Wendt (Xmu), the head of the plant, refused to divulge any information concerning the 1955 production. [REDACTED] solely persons carrying a special pass issued by the Ministry of the Interior were permitted to receive information of this type. [REDACTED] since January 1955 [REDACTED] plant had been engaged almost exclusively in the manufacture of aircraft. [REDACTED] these aircraft are training planes, twin-engine transport planes, and MiG-15⁹⁰. 25X1

Comment: An increasing number of reports have been received recently concerning the resumption in East Germany of preparations to build these types of aircraft; these preparations had been in abeyance since June 1953. East Germany has lately been reported to be making preparations for the production of a twin-engine Soviet transport plane. It is not believed, however, that military aircraft will be produced in East Germany in 1955. 25X1

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